

Practitioner's Docket No. 1225-3042.001**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Fenech, Chris

Application No.: / Group No.:

Filed: Examiner:

For: Windage Tray With Improved Captured Nut

Commissioner for Patents

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
UNDER M.P.E.P. § 708.02, VIII**

NOTE: See M.P.E.P. § 708.02, 7th ed.

1. Petition

Applicant hereby petitions to make this new application, which has not received any examination by the Examiner, special.

2. Claims*(check and complete all applicable items (a) through (c))*

- (a) ☒ All the claims in this case are directed to a single invention.
- (b) ☒ If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, then applicant will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.
- (c) ☐ If claim(s) _____ are found not to be examinable in this case with claim(s) _____, then applicant hereby elects claim(s) _____ for the prosecution of this case.

3. Search*(check all applicable items (d) through (g))*

A search has been made by

- (d) ☐ the inventor
- (e) ☐ attorney
- (f) ☒ professional searcher
- (g) ☐ foreign patent office

in the following:

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(complete all applicable items below)

- (h) ☒ field of search: _____
class(es) 411 subclass(es) 313, 132, 133, 134, 917, 924
(i) ☐ publications: Class 470 subclass 19
(j) ☐ foreign patents:

(k) ☐ search by corresponding foreign patent office or at the former International Patent Institute at The Hague, Netherlands.

4. Copy of references

There is submitted herewith a copy of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.

☒ Also attached are Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)

5. Detailed discussion of the references

There is submitted herewith a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion particularly points out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references.

NOTE: As to all other references not treated above, an Information Disclosure Statement should be filed.

☒ Also attached is an Information Disclosure Statement.

6. Fee

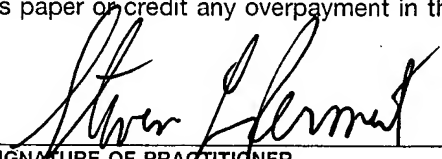
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**Detailed discussion of Most Closely Related References
For Support of Petition to Make Special**

The Hlinsky, Ewing & Bachle reference each describe a fastener nut and a washer rotatably attached to the nut. The washer then has its distal face set on the work-piece.

The Hartmann et al reference is Fig 18, a nut with teeth arranged for locking with teeth of a supporting ring. The nut is retained to the washer via a collar. The ring has a bearing surface with a ball or sphere shaped for connection to a wheel.

The Ewins references in Figures 6 & 7 also discloses a three piece locking fastener with a threadless nut member interposed between the threaded nut and washer. A wedge means between the nut members prevents loosening of the nut with a work-piece.

The Robertson & McKinlay '091 references direct a self locking nut with a locking member in the form of a disc or washer with a outer peripheral flange or tabs spring or bent into position on a flange of the nut. The distal face of the washer abuts the work-piece.

The Anderson et al publication discloses a similar structure with the addition of a tubular member of the washer extending through the work-piece.

The Molina '091 reference discloses a captive nut axially and slidably fitting in a sleeve that is attached to the work-piece.

The Hinton reference discloses a nut that is telescopically captured by a washer about the periphery of the nut. The washer has a locking element therein so once the nut is attached to a stud the lock element moves into a recess in the bolt to prevent the nut from being loosened.

The McKinlay '552 reference discloses a nut with a depending flange and an end recess. A split retaining ring locks washers 20 & 22 about the depending flange.

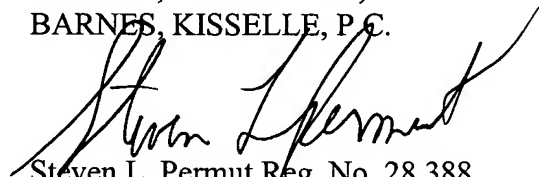
The Wu reference discloses an insert check washer secured to a nut by an outer periphery of the nut curved inwardly over the washer.

A captured nut as described in p. 1-2 of the present application is known to applicant. It has an end flange crimped on the washer to attach the washer and nut about the work-piece.

None of the references disclose the claimed concept of having a portion of the washer aperture facing the distal face of the washer to allow the collar to capture the washer therein and having the collar fitted completely within the washer aperture to allow the washer distal face to act as a clamping surface with its proximate end abutting against the work-piece.

Respectfully submitted,

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9-15-1. See M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Vol. M.P.E.P. *infra*.